REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report on the working of the Revenue Department during the year 1961-62.

READ :—

1. Letter No. REV. 3336 ADM. 62-63, dated 8th February 1963, from the Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga Division, Gulbarga.
2. Letter No. MSC. PR. 218/62-63, dated 30th April 1963, from the Divisional Commissioner, Mysore Division, Mysore.
3. Letter No. RB. REV. PR. I, dated 9th May 1963, from the Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum Division, Belgaum.
4. Correspondence ending with letter No. REV. ADM.1/61-62, dated 20th March 1964, from the Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

ORDER No. RD 39 GMD 63, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH AUGUST 1964.

The Administration Report on the working of the Revenue Department, during the year 1961-62 is recorded.

I. Gulbarga Division.

2. *Charge of the Division.*—The Division was under the charge of the following officers as Divisional Commissioners during the year under report.

1. Sri D. K. Srinivasachar from 1st April 1961 to 15th April 1961;
2. Sri I. P. Mallappa from 16th April 1961 to 4th June 1961. (Additional charge only);
3. Sri D. K. Srinivasachar, from 5th June 1961 to the end of the year 1961-62.

3. *Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions.*—The average rainfall in Gulbarga District was 826·8 m.m. as against 710.8 mm. for the previous year. There was sufficient rainfall throughout the District. The Khariff sowing was done in time. The Rabi sowing was held up in some parts of the District for want of sufficient rains. In parts of Shorapur Taluk the Kharif crops in 27 villages and the Rabi crop in 18 villages were badly affected and land revenue of Rs. 20,130.48 nP. and Rs. 2 ,809.10 nP. respectively was suspended. The average yield of Khariff crop was 6 to 10 annas, Rabi crop was 8 to 10 annas in the District.

In Raichur District the rainfall was 529.06 mm. as against 459.8 mm. for the previous year. The Khariff crop was well but Rabi crop was affected due to unfavourable conditions. A total amount of Rs. 13,56,336.18 nP. of land revenue collection in respect of 983 villages was suspended as a measure of relief.

In Bidar District the rainfall was 1,035 mm. as against 691.1 mm. for the previous year. The condition of crops was satisfactory with the yield of 7½ annas.

4. *Area under cultivation* :—The total area in the Division under different crops was 59,15,143 acres 38 guntas as against 67,48,631 acres 21 guntas in the previous year.

5. *Assignment of lands.*—Out of 3,673 applications pertaining to assignment of land on patta, 2,891 applications were disposed of leaving a balance of 782. The extent of land assigned was 8,119 acres 7 guntas as against 8,971 acres 4 guntas in the previous year.

6. *Tenancy cases.*—There were 92,286 protected tenants holding an extent of 14,00,176 acres 32 guntas of land. Out of these 589 tenants surrendered their rights over an extent of 15,171 acres 24 guntas and 31 tenants were evicted under the provision of the Tenancy Act.

An extent of 3,070 acres 9 guntas was alienated in Gulbarga District only, under the Tenancy Act.

7. *Tanks.*—There were 250 major and 863 minor tanks in the Division. Out of them 2 major and 28 minor tanks were restored.

8. *Fire accidents.*—There were 436 cases of fire accidents in the Division during the year under report. Cash grants amounting to Rs. 21,188 were distributed to the sufferers as a measure of relief.

9. *Public Health and Cattle mortality.*—There was in outbreak of Cholera in some parts of Yadgir, Shorapur, Sedam and Jewargi taluks of Gulbarga District. There was no outbreak of epidemics or cattle diseases in other districts.

10. *Relief Works.*—Due to failure of crops in Gulbarga and Raichur Districts relief works to provide employment to the poor persons were undertaken and a sum of Rs. 18,323 in Gulbarga District and Rs. 1,70,008 in Raichur District were spent. No relief works were taken in Bidar District.

11. *Takavi Loans.*—A sum of Rs. 2,93,500 was distributed as Takavi loan in the Division. Also a sum of Rs. 19,75,800 was distributed as loans for construction of irrigation wells to 1,540 persons.

The takavi demand for the Division was Rs. 1,48,59,183-64 nP. and a sum of Rs. 26,27,169.36 nP. was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 1,22,29,014.28 nP.

12 *Land Revenue.*—The position of land revenue arrears in the Division was as follows:—

Demand.	... Rs.	1,99,43,345.41 nP.
Collection.	... Rs.	79,24,576.27 nP.
Balance.	... Rs.	1,20,18,769.14 nP.

13. *Irrigation Projects.*—The area irrigated in Raichur District by the Tungabhadra Project Left Bank Channel was as follows:—

		Acres
1. Koppal Taluk	...	4,673
2. Gangavati Taluk	...	66,818
3. Sindhanoor Taluk	...	89,987
Total	..	1,61,478

An extent of 4,351 acres was under irrigation in Raichur District under Rajoli Banda diversion scheme.

14. *General.*—The work in the Division on the whole, was satisfactory.

II. Belgaum Division.

15. *Charge of the Division.*—Sri M. Vasudeva Rao continued to be the Divisional Commissioner of Belgaum Division, throughout the year under report.

16. *Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions.*—In Belgaum District, the rainfall was 1766.16 m. m. as against 1,972.12 m. m. in the previous year. The condition of the crops was satisfactory on the whole except in Athani and Ramadurga Taluks. Lands Revenue was suspended in full in 80 villages and in half in 104 villages in five talukas of this District.

In Bijapur District the rainfall was 450 m.m. as against 750 m.m. in the previous year. The condition of crops was bad due to untimely rainfall in some parts and for want of rains in other parts. Land Revenue in full was suspended in respect of 582 villages and in half in respect of 597 villages in eleven taluks of this District. There was a complete failure of crops in about 200 villages in the District.

In North Kanara District the rainfall was 3,770 m.m. as against the average of 3,272 m.m. in the last five years. The condition of crops was fairly satisfactory even though the crops were damaged on account of floods at the beginning.

In Dharwar District the rainfall was 1,386.4 m.m. for wet crop area and 655.54 m.m. for dry crop. The yield of Rabi crops was not satisfactory. The yield of paddy was normal while the wheat crop was affected and was, therefore, below normal. The chilli did not thrive well as it was affected by "Budi" disease.

17. *Area under cultivation.*—The gross area under cultivation during the year under report was as follows.—

		Acres.	Gs.
Belgaum District	...	33,23,559	37
Bijapur District	...	42,31,228	37
North Kanara District	...	25,26,810	19
Dharwar District	...	34,03,987	00
Total	...	1,34,835,584	93

This extent was less than 1 acre 15 guntas of the previous year.

18. *Assignment of lands.*—Out of 3,311 applications pertaining to grant of land 2,362 applications were disposed of granting an extent of 2,167 acres 26 guntas of land.

19. *Tenancy cases.*—One thousand three hundred and ninty cases were instituted by the tenants and 4,828 cases were instituted by the landlords under the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948. Out of them 252 cases filed by tenants and 680 cases filed by landlords were pending decision. The relationship between the tenants and landlords was generally good.

20. *Fire Accidents*—There was an incidence of fire accident in Haveri Taluk in Dharwar District causing a loss of Rs. 87,292. Cash relief to the extent of Rs. 1,065 was granted in addition to the distribution of foodgrains and clothes.

21. *Public Health and Cattle mortality.*—There was an incidence of small-pox, cholera, chicken-pox and influenza in the division. Eight thousand nine hundred and sixteen persons were affected by these epidemics and 1,145 persons died. There was incidence of epizooties affecting 7,179 cattle and 4,675 cattle died on account of this disease.

22. *Relief works.*—Due to untimely and scarcity of rainfall, conditions akin to scarcity were prevailing in some parts of Ramadurg, Parasgad and Gokak Taluks in Belgaum District. The ten test scarcity works started during the previous year were continued and 6 new test works were started to provide labour. An amount of Rs. 1,15,542.45 nP. was spent on scarcity works.

Due to failure of rains, scarcity conditions prevailed in 32 villages of Mudhol taluk and conditions akin to scarcity was prevalent in many parts in Bijapur District. Ninety seven test works were taken up to provide labour which were entrusted to Public Works Department and Taluk Development Boards.

23. *Flood Havocs.*—In Bijapur District there were flood havocs in the villages situated on the banks of Krishna and Ghataprabha rivers in the Taluks of Muddebihal, Bijapur, Mudhol, Jamakhandi and Biligi. Adequate flood relief measures were taken.

The North Kanara District suffered from one of the worst floods in its history. The unusual heavy rains caused heavy loss to the agriculturists. A number of persons were rendered homeless as their houses were washed away. There was a

deposit of silt on agricultural lands and the seedlings embankments were washed away in many places. Rehabilitation measures were undertaken and the following reliefs were granted.—

		Rs.	n.P.
1. Gratuitous Relief	...	1,68,719	16
2. Exgratia Relief	...	1,08,700	50
3. Interest Free takavi loans.	...	8,43,035	00
4. Takavi loans.	...	4,08,358	00
5. Supply of building materials.	...	8,69,946	94
Total	...	23,98,739	60

Rehabilitation scheme was introduced and 2,798 houses came up under this scheme.

In Dharwar District the Wardha, Kumudavati and Tungabhadra rivers were in floods due to heavy rains. Seven Villages in Haveri Taluk were completely affected. The damage to crops was estimated at Rs. 2,30,900 in an area of 12,450 acres. The damage caused by Kumudavati river in Hirekerur Taluk was Rs. 72,750. Rehabilitation Works were taken up by distributing interest free loans to the extent of Rs 2,22,210 and by building 1,008 new houses. In Hangal Taluk the bunds of tanks were broken due to heavy rains. Interest free loans were distributed to the sufferers.

24 *Takavi Loans.*—The amounts advanced during the year under report under several schemes were as follows:—

		Rs.
Agricultural Loans Act	...	28,97,778
Land Improvement Loans Act	...	5,33,377
Special Wells Scheme	...	12,97,575
Non-Agricultural Loans Act	...	1,700
Construction of Wells	...	14,47,660

A sum of Rs. 48,61,742·82 nP. was collected during the year under report.

25. *Land Revenue.*—The position of Land Revenue in the Division during the year under report was as follows:—

Demand	Collection	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,16,30,758.16 nP.	1,13,44,707.12 nP.	2,86,051.04 nP.

26. *General*:—The work of the Division on the whole was satisfactory.

III. Mysore Division.

27. *Charge of the Division*:—Shri B. Beerappa continued to be the Divisional Commissioner of Mysore Division throughout the year under report.

28. *Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions*:—The average rainfall in the several Districts of the Division during the year under report was as follows:—

			During 1961-62 mm	1960-61 mm
1	Mysore District	...	722·01	837·01
2	Mandya District	...	692 08	764 04
3	Shimoga District	...	3,499·00	2,532·81
4	Hassan District.	...	1,469 01	1,685 08
5	Chickmagalur District	...	1,778·08	2,225 66
				(Calendar year)
6	South Kanara District	...	4,966·00	3,350
7	Coorg District	...	4,792·05	4,175·00

Excepting Mandya District there were floods due to heavy rains. The damage caused on account of these floods was considerable in Coorg District, but in other Districts, the seasonal conditions were generally satisfactory.

29. *Area under cultivation*:—The gross area under cultivation in the Division was as follows:—

				As. Gs.
1	Mysore District	...	...	23,450'11
2	Mandya District	...	...	2,844'18
3	Hassan District	...	...	3,049'12
4	Chickmagalur District	...	...	5,056 36
5	Shimoga District	...	...	2,759'16
6	South Kanara District	...	...	47,600 00
7	Coorg District	...	...	Not given
			Total	5,13,168'93

An extent of 832 acres 26 guntas was alienated for non-agricultural purposes, in Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Chickmagalur and Shimoga Districts.

30. *Assignment of lands*:—Out of 83,522 applications received for grant of land 47,529 were disposed of granting an extent of 94,873 acres 22 guntas of land.

31. *Tenancy Cases*:—Out of 4,049 cases filed under the Tenancy Act, 2,647 cases were disposed of in the Division.

32. *Tanks*:—There were 1284 major and 16,503 minor tanks in the Division. Out of them 10 major and 32 minor tanks were restored through Public Works Department.

33. *Fire Accidents*:—There were 615 incidence of fire accidents causing death to 7 persons and 184 cattle. The loss of property was estimated at Rs. 12,03,321. A sum of Rs. 42,208 by way of cash and building materials worth of Rs 15,383 were granted to the victims of the fire accident cases.

34. *Public Health and Cattle mortality*:—Public Health was generally good in the Division except incidence of small-pox, malaria and chicken-pox in parts of Mysore and Coorg Districts.

The cattle mortality during the year under report due to various causes was 15,986.

35. *Flood havocs*:—As a result of heavy floods 1,746 villages involving an extent of 1,27,047 acres of land were affected. The damage to crops had been estimated to be Rs. 1,97,26,459. In South Kanara District, one human life and 8 heads of Cattle were lost, 111 houses collapsed and 808 houses were damaged affecting a population of 4,538. Both in South Kanara and Coorg Districts many roads were damaged. A sum of Rs. 38,05,000 under gratuitous relief and a sum of Rs. 45,00,000 under interest free loans were granted to the victims of flood in the Division.

36 *Takavi and other loans*:—1955 applications relating to grant of takavi loans were sanctioned in Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Chickmagalur and Shimoga Districts. The total sum distributed was Rs. 7,07,425. In these districts the total demand of takavi loans during the year under report was Rs. 11,00,787 out of which Rs. 2,10,117 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 8,90,670.

Nine hundred and thirty-four applications relating to the grant of land improvement loans were sanctioned in respect of Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Chickmagalur and Shimoga Districts. The amount advanced was Rs. 4,96,137. The total demand of these loans in respect of these districts was Rs. 4,65,591.63 nP. out of which a sum of Rs. 1,57,342.21 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 3,03,249.42 nP. in South Kanara District a sum of Rs. 87,025 was granted as Land Improvement and Agricultural Loans.

37. *Land Revenue.*—The position of land revenue arrears (land revenue and miscellaneous) in the Division during the year under report was as follows:—

(a) Previous arrears:

Demand	Collection.	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
26,27, 968	10,99, 849	15,28, 119

(including remission and irrecoverable amount written off)

(b) Arrears relating to the year under report:

Demand	Collection.	Balance.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,50,61, 280	1,29,94, 881	20,67,399

Visvesvaraya Channel.

38. *Irrigation Works.*—The entire length of Visvesvaraya main channel and its branches and distributaries continued to be in service throughout the year under report. The area irrigated during the year under the report was 1,07,819 acres 27 guntas as against 80, 904 acres 34 guntas in the previous year. The position of water rate and contribution arrears including previous arrears and current demand under this channel was as follows:—

Demand	Collection.	Balance.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
72,19,135. 51	25,84,754. 51	46,34,381.00

Bhadra Left Bank Channel.—Under this Channel an area of 12,699 acres 36 guntas was brought under irrgation in Shimoga and Bhadravathi Taluks as against the extent of 12,284 acres 11 guntas in the previous year. The position of water rate arrears due under the channel was as follows:—

Demand	Collection.	Balance.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3.97,703 33	1,25,569. 51	2,72,133. 82

Tunga Left Bank Channel.—Under this channel an area of 12,928 acres 31 guntas as against 12,908. 34 guntas in the previous year was developed in Shimoga and Honnali Taluks. The position of water rate arrears under the channel was as follows.—

Demand	Collection.	Balance.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
6,19,273. 46	1,18,765. 31	5,00,508, 15

Tunga Right Bank Channel.—Under this channel an area of 4,095 acres 15 guntas was under irrigation in Shimoga Taluk, as against 4089.15 acres in the previous year. The position of water rate arrears was as follows:—

Demand	Collection.	Balance.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Rs. 1,59,037.02	24,613.31	1,34,423.71

39. *Wells.*—(1) Out of 385 applications for providing loans for sinking wells under ordinary scheme, 294 were disposed of granting a sum of Rs. 58,700.

(2) Out of 4,443 applications for providing loans for sinking of irrigation wells under the liberalised scheme, 1,716 were sanctioned granting a sum of Rs. 9,39,015.

40. *Amritmahal Kaval Lands*:—Out of 83,890 acres 36 guntas of Amritmahal Kaval Lands, an area of 6313 acres 25 guntas were disposed of for cultivation A sum of Rs. 32,175.75 nP. was realised by the disposal of the land.

41. *General.*—The work in the Division was on the whole satisfactory.

IV-Bangalore Division

42. *Charge of the Division*:—The Division was under the charge of the following officers as Divisional Commissioners:—

1. Sri K. Narayana Swamy from 1st April 1961 to 15th March 1962.

2. Sri. T. V. Reddy from 15th March 1962 to the end of the year under report.

43. *Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions*.—The average rainfall in several Districts of the Division during the year under report was as follows:—

	During the year under Report	*During the previous year*
Bangalore	767.75 mm	729.20 mm
Kolar	678.05 mm	746.00 mm
Tumkur	464.05 mm	736.03 mm
Chitradurga	566.01 mm	576.04 mm
Bellary	576.20 mm	619.02 mm

The rainfall was below average in several parts of Tumkur, Kolar and Ballary Districts. There was non-receipt of timely and adequate rains in several taluks in Bellary District. In Bangalore, Kolar and Bellary Districts there was some anxiety about standing crops for some time but the conditions improved and there was a fair yield of crops. As a result of failure of dry crops in Bellary District remission of land revenue was allowed in addition to the postponement of loan arrears.

44. *Area under cultivation*:—The gross area under cultivation in the several districts in the Division during the year under report was as follows:—

		Acs.
Bangalore	...	8,66,769
Kolar	...	6,88,784
Tumkur	...	13,70,777
Chitradurga	...	13,09,431
Bellary	...	14,52,094
		56,87,855

This area was more by an extent of 1,25,303 acres when compared with that of the previous year.

45. *Assignment of lands*:—Out of 45,593 applications received for grant of land, 34,368 applications were disposed of leaving a balance of 11,225 applications. The extent of land granted was 30,460 acres 29 guntas. An extent of 697 acres was granted for non-agricultural purposes.

46. *Tenancy cases*:—Out of 2,882 cases filed under the Tenancy Act, 1,700 cases were disposed of in the Division.

47. *Tanks*:—There were 1,493 major and 5,956 minor tanks in the Division. Out of them 50 major and 379 minor tanks were restored by the Public Works Department.

48. *Fire accidents*:—There were 823 incidence of fire accidents in the Division resulting in loss of 4 human lives and 219 cattle. The loss of property was estimated at Rs. 4,99,146. Cash Grant totalling to Rs. 19,173,50 was distributed to the victims in addition to the distribution of building materials worth of Rs. 324.

49. *Public Health and Cattle mortalities*:—There was prevalence of small-pox in Bellary and Blackquarters and Anthrax diseases in Tumkur and Kolar Districts. The Public Health was generally good.

50. *Relief Works*:—Due to inadequate and untimely rainfall in several Districts, relief works were taken up to provide labour to the unemployed. The sums spent in this regard are as follows:—

Tumkur District	...	Rs. 2,57,179
Kolar	..	Rs. 1,60,265
Chitradurga	...	Rs. 1,10,947
Bellary	...	Rs. 1,16,564

51. *Takavi and other loans*:—Out of 5,568 applications received for grant of takavi loans, 4,393 were disposed of. A sum of Rs. 5,83,950 was disbursed. The position of takavi arrears was as follows.—

Demand	Collection	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
20,71,040.19	2,20,214.97	18,50,825.22

Out of 2,734 applications received for grant of land improvement loans, 915 applications were sanctioned, and the amount distributed was Rs. 3,32,690. The position of the land improvement loan arrears was as follows:—

Demand	Collection	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
9,90,137.80	1,40,939.62	8,49,198.18

52. *Flood Havocs*:—An extent of 3,369.98 acres in Bellary District were affected by floods of the Tungabhadra river. Foodgrains were granted in addition to interest free loans and takavi loans.

53. *Land Revenue*:—The position of Land Revenue arrears (Land Revenue and miscellaneous) in the Division was as follows:—

(*a*) *Previous arrears*:—

Demand	Collection	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
25,69,096	6,33,318	19,35,778

(*b*) *Arrears due for the year under report*:—

Demand	Collection	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,18,35,176	93,66,200	24,68,976

54. *Irrigation Works*:—The total extent of land irrigable under the Vani Vilas Sagar in Chitradurga District was fixed at 18,000 acres. The demarcation work of the atchkat area was under progress.

An extent of 11,275 acres was under irrigation under the Marconahalli Reservoir. The position of water rate and contribution arrears under this reservoir was as follows.

Demand	Collection	Balance
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
6,71,144.25 nP.	68,316.64 nP.	6,02,827.61 nP.

55. *Wells*:—(1) Out of 480 applications received for grant of subsidy for construction of irrigation wells, 304 were disposed of disbursing a sum of Rs. 17,850.

(2) Out of 2,561 applications for grant of loans under the liberalised scheme of sinking of irrigation wells 509 were disposed of. A sum of Rs. 15,68,220 was disbursed.

56. *Amritmahal Kaval lands*:—An extent of 46,662 acres 24 guntas of Amritmahal Kaval lands was available in the Division. Out of this only an extent of 195 acres 5 guntas was disposed of for cultivation.

57. *General*:—The work in the Division was on the whole satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.